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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 95, 98, 137, 140, 185, 188, 236, 263, 264, 277, 278, 301, 303, 304, 305, 306, 313, 319, and 327, amend claims 89, 92, 101, 104, 107, 110, 113, 113, 119, 122, 125, 134, 146, 149, 161, 164, 167, 170, 173, 182, 194, 197, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 261, 266, 269, 285, and 307 as indicated among the following complete set of pending claims:

Claims 1-86. (Canceled)

COUNT 1 - (Product -Prepaints and Paint Composition)

Claims 87-88. (Canceled)

Claim 89. (Currently Amended) A plurality of varied, but stable[[fluid prepaints]] premixed aqueous compositions, sufficient to form a variety of paint compositions, which plurality comprises:

- (i) at least one premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition comprising a pigment;
- (ii) at least one premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition[[, at least one of the prepaint compositions]] comprising at least one of calcined clay,[[silica,]] diatomaceous earth, ground limestone, and mixtures thereof; and
- (iii) at least one premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition comprising a resinous binder.

Claims 90-91. (Canceled)

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Claim 92. (Currently Amended) The plurality of [[prepaints]] premixed compositions of claim 89, wherein the number of [[prepaints]] premixed compositions is 3 or more.

Claims 93-100. (Canceled)

Claim 101. (Currently Amended) The plurality of [[prepaints]] premixed compositions of claim 89, wherein at least one of the [[prepaint]] premixed compositions has a PVC of about 35% to about 100%.

Claims 102-103. (Canceled)

Claim 104. (Currently Amended) A plurality of paint products produced by a process which comprises the steps of :

(a) providing a plurality of varied, but stable [[fluid prepaints]] premixed aqueous compositions, which plurality comprises;

- (i) at least one premixed pigment [[prepaint]] composition comprising a pigment;
- (ii) at least one premixed low resin [[prepaint]] composition comprising at least one of calcined clay, [[silica, titanium dioxide,]] diatomaceous earth, ground limestone, and mixtures thereof;
- (iii) at least one premixed binder [[prepaint]] composition comprising a resinous binder; and

(b) dispensing a predetermined amount of each of the [[prepaint]] premixed compositions into containers to form a paint product of the plurality of paint products.

Claims 105-106. (Canceled)

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Claim 107. (Currently Amended) A plurality of different but stable[[fluid prepaints]] premixed aqueous compositions sufficient to formulate a plurality of paint products useful for forming pigmented coatings, which plurality of [[prepaints]] premixed compositions comprises:

- (i) at least one[[prepaint]] premixed composition having a pigment;
- (ii) at least two[[prepaint]] premixed compositions each of which comprises at least one resin containing binder.

Claims 108-109. (Canceled)

Claim 110. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a plurality of paint products, which method comprises the steps of:

- (a) providing a plurality of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions of claim 107; and
- (b) dispensing a predetermined amount of each of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions into containers to form the plurality of paint products.

COUNT 2 (Method of Producing a Paint Line)

Claims 111-112. (Canceled)

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Claim 113. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a plurality of paint products comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a plurality of varied, but stable[[fluid prepaints]] premixed aqueous compositions comprising:

(i) at least one premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition comprising a pigment;

(ii) at least one premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition,[[at least one of the prepaint compositions]] comprising at least one of calcined clay,[[silica,]] diatomaceous earth, ground limestone, and mixtures thereof;

(iii) at least one premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition comprising a resin containing binder; and

(b) dispensing a predetermined amount of each of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions into containers to form the plurality of paint products.

Claims 114-115. (Canceled)

Claim 116. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113, further comprising the step of mixing the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before, while, or after they are dispensed into the containers.

Claims 117-118. (Canceled)

Claim 119. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113, further comprising the step of mixing the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before or while they are dispensed into the containers.

Claims 120-121. (Canceled)

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Claim 122. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113, further comprising the step of adjusting the viscosity of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before, while, or after they are dispensed into the containers.

Claims 123-124. (Canceled)

Claim 125. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113, further comprising the step of adjusting the viscosity of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before or while they are dispensed into the containers.

Claims 126-127. (Canceled)

Claim 128. (previously presented) The method of claim 113, further comprising the step of adding at least one additive that enhances application or final performance of the paint products.

Claims 129-130. (Canceled)

Claim 131. (previously presented) The method of claim 128, wherein the additive is a thickener.

Claims 132-133. (Canceled)

Claim 134. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113, further comprising the step of adding at least one colorant to the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions.

Claims 135-142. (Canceled)

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Claim 143. (Previously presented) The method of claim 113, wherein the method is carried out at a paint manufacturing facility.

Claims 144- 145. (Canceled)

Claim 146. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 113, wherein the number of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions is 4 or more.

Claims 147-148. (Canceled)

Claim 149. (Currently Amended) The method of forming a plurality of paint products of claim 113, wherein at least one of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions has a PVC of about 35% to about 100%.

Claims 150-151. (Canceled)

Claim 152. (Previously presented) The method of claim 113, wherein the method is carried out at the point-of-sale.

Claims 153-154. (Canceled)

Claim 155. (Previously presented) The method of claim 113, wherein the method is carried out at the point-of-use.

Claim 156-157. (Canceled)

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Claim 158. (Previously presented) The method of claim 113, wherein the method is controlled by programmed dispensing.

Claims 159-160. (Canceled)

Claim 161. (Currently Amended) A method of forming a range of paint products, the range comprising variations in the plurality of the paint products:

(a) providing a plurality of varied, but stable[[fluid prepaints]] premixed aqueous compositions sufficient to formulate the plurality of varied paint products, which plurality of[[fluid prepaints]] premixed aqueous compositions comprises:

- (i) at least one premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition comprising a pigment;
- (ii) at least one premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition[[, at least one of the prepaint compositions]] comprising at least one of calcined clay,[[silica,]] diatomaceous earth, ground limestone, and mixtures thereof;
- (iii) at least one premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition comprising a resin containing binder; and
- (iv) at least one additional, different premixed pigment, low resin, or high resin[[prepaint]] composition selected from the group consisting of (i), (ii), and (iii) and mixtures thereof; and

(b) dispensing a predetermined amount of each of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions into containers to form the plurality of paint products.

Claims 162-163. (Canceled)

Claim 164. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 161, further comprising the step of mixing the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before, while, or after they are dispensed into the containers.

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Claims 165-166. (Canceled)

Claim 167. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 161, further comprising the step of mixing the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before or while they are dispensed into the containers.

Claims 168-169. (Canceled)

Claim 170. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 161, further comprising the step of adjusting the viscosity of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before, while, or after they are dispensed into the containers.

Claims 171-172. (Canceled)

Claim 173. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 161, further comprising the step of adjusting the viscosity of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions before or while they are dispensed into the containers.

Claims 174-175. (Canceled)

Claim 176. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161, further comprising the step of adding at least one additive that enhances application or final performance of the paint products.

Claims 177-178. (Canceled)

Claim 179. (Previously presented) The method of claim 176, wherein the additive is a thickener.

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Claims 180-181. (Canceled)

Claim 182. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 161, further comprising the step of adding at least one colorant to the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions.

Claims 183-190. (Canceled)

Claims 191. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161, wherein the method is carried out at a paint manufacturing facility.

Claims 192-193. (Canceled)

Claim 194. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 161, wherein the number of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions is 4 or more.

Claims 195-196. (Canceled)

Claim 197. (Currently Amended) The method of forming a plurality of paint products of claim 161, wherein at least one of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions has a PVC of about 35% to about 100%.

Claims 198-199. (Canceled)

Claim 200. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161, wherein the method is carried out at the point-of-sale.

Claims 201-202. (Canceled)

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Claim 203. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161, wherein the method is carried out at the point-of-use.

Claims 204-205. (Canceled)

Claim 206. (Previously presented) The method of claim 161, wherein the method is controlled by programmed dispensing.

COUNT 3 (A Pigmented Prepaint Composition)

Claim 207. (Canceled)

Claim 208. (Currently Amended) A[[fluid]] premixed aqueous pigment[[prepaint]] composition useful for formulating a pigmented paint having a volume solids content of about 30% to about 70% and a Stormer viscosity of about 50 to about 250 KU, which premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition contains other paint ingredients, which premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition consists essentially of:

- (i) at least one pigment,
- (ii) at least one dispersant,
- (iii) at least one thickener, and
- (iv) water;

wherein the dispersant(s) and the thickener(s) are stable when combined with the pigment(s) and with the other paint ingredients.

Claim 209. (Canceled)

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Claim 210. (Currently Amended) The premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition of claim 208, wherein the volume solids content is about 35% to about 50% and the Stormer viscosity is about 60 to about 150 KU.

Claim 211. (Canceled)

Claim 212. (Currently Amended) The premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition of claim 208, wherein the pigment comprises titanium dioxide.

Claim 213. (Canceled)

Claim 214. (Currently Amended) The premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition of claim 208, wherein the dispersant comprises potassium tripolyphosphate.

Claim 215. (Canceled)

Claim 216. (Currently Amended) The premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition of claim 208, wherein the thickener comprises a cellulosic.

Claim 217. (Canceled)

Claim 218. (Currently Amended) The premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition of claim 208, further consisting essentially of at least one additive comprising a viscosity controlling agent, with the additive being present in an amount of 10% or less by weight, based on the total weight of the premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition.

Claim 219. (Canceled)

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Claim 220. (Currently Amended) A plurality of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions comprising two different, but stable[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions useful for formulating a paint, which comprises:

(a) the premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition of claim 208; and

(b) a resinous premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition having volume solids content of about 25% to about 70% or a Brookfield viscosity of less than about 100,000 centipoise at a shear rate of 1.25 reciprocal seconds, which premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition consists essentially of a water-borne resin containing binder having a Tg of about -430 degrees C. to about 70 degrees C. and water;

wherein the ingredients of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions are stable when combined with each other and with the ingredients of the other[[prepaint]] premixed compositions in the plurality.

Claim 221. (Canceled)

Claim 222. (Currently Amended) The plurality of[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions of claim 220, wherein the premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition has a volume solids content of about 30 to about 65% and a Brookfield viscosity of about 100 to about 50,000 centipoise at a shear rate of 1.25 reciprocal seconds, and consists essentially of a water-borne resin containing binder having a Tg of about -10 to about 60 degrees C.

Claim 223. (Canceled)

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Claim 224. (Currently Amended) The plurality of[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions of claim 220, wherein the premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition further consists essentially of at least one additive comprising a coalescent, the additive being present in an amount of less than about 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition.

Claim 225. (Canceled)

Claim 226. (Currently Amended) A plurality of[[prepaing]] premixed compositions comprising three different, butstable,[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions, useful for formulating a paint product, which plurality comprises:

- (a) the plurality of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions of claim 220; and
- (b) a premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition which consists essentially of:
 - (i) at least calcined clay, ground limestone, and diatomaceous earth,
 - (ii) at least one thickener,
 - (iii) water, and
 - (iv) optionally a resin containing binder;

wherein the premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition has a Stormer viscosity of about 50 to about 250 KU.

Claim 227. (Canceled)

Claim 228. (Currently Amended) The plurality of[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions of claim 226, wherein the premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition has a Stormer viscosity of about 60 to about 150 KU.

Claim 229. (Canceled)

Claim 230. (Currently Amended) The plurality of [[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions of claim 220, wherein the premixed binder [[prepaint]] composition further consists essentially of at least one additive comprising a coalescent, with the additive being present in an amount of less than about 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the premixed binder [[prepaint]] composition.

Claim 231. (Canceled)

Claim 232. (Currently Amended) A [[fluid]] premixed aqueous pigment [[prepaint]] composition having a volume solids content of about 30% to about 70%, a PVC of about 35% to about 100%, and a Stormer viscosity of about 50 to about 250 KU, useful for formulating a pigmented paint product containing other paint ingredients, which [[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous composition consists essentially of:

- (i) at least one pigment,
- (ii) at least one dispersant,
- (iii) at least one thickener,
- (iv) at least one film-forming or non-film-forming resin, and
- (v) water; wherein the dispersant(s), the thickener(s), and the resin(s) are stable when combined with the pigment(s) and with the other [[prepaints]] premixed composition ingredients and wherein the [[prepaint]] premixed composition is stable and free from settling.

Claim 233. (Canceled)

Claim 234. (Currently Amended) The [[prepaint]] premixed composition of claim 232, wherein the volume solids content is about 35% to about 50%, the PVC is about 50 to about 100%, and the Stormer viscosity is about 60 to about 150 KU.

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Claim 235-237. (Canceled)

Claim 238. (Currently Amended) The[[prepaint]] premixed composition of claim 232, wherein the pigment comprises titanium dioxide.

Claim 239. (Canceled)

Claim 240. (Currently Amended) The[[prepaint]] premixed composition of claim 232, wherein the dispersant comprises potassium tripolyphosphate.

Claim 241. (Canceled)

Claim 242. (Currently Amended) The[[prepaint]] premixed composition of claim 232, wherein the thickener comprises a cellulosic.

Claim 243. (Canceled)

Claim 244. (Currently Amended) The[[prepaint]] premixed composition of claim 232, wherein the resin comprises an acrylic resin.

Claim 245. (Canceled)

Claim 246. (Currently Amended) The[[prepaint]] premixed composition of claim 232, further consisting essentially of at least one additive comprising a viscosity controlling agent, with the additive being present in an amount of 10% or less by weight, based on the total weight of the[[prepaint]] premixed composition.

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Claim 247. (Canceled)

Claim 248. (Currently Amended) A plurality of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions comprising two different, but stable[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions useful for formulating a paint product, which plurality comprises:

(a) the premixed pigment[[prepaint]] composition of claim 232; and

(b) a premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition having volume solids content of about 25% to about 70% or a Brookfield viscosity of less than about 100,000 centipoise at a shear rate of 1.25 reciprocal seconds, which premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition consists essentially of a water-borne resin containing binder having a Tg of about -430 degrees C. to about 70 degrees C. and water;

wherein the ingredients of the[[prepaint]] premixed compositions are stable when combined with each other and with the ingredients of the other[[prepaint]] premixed compositions in the plurality.

Claim 249. (Canceled)

Claim 250. (Currently Amended) The plurality of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions of claim 248, wherein the binder[[prepaint]] premixed composition has a volume solids content of about 30 to about 65% and a Brookfield viscosity of about 100 to about 50,000 centipoise at a shear rate of 1.25 reciprocal seconds, and consists essentially of a water-borne resin containing binder having a Tg of about -10 to about 60 degrees C.

Claim 251. (Canceled)

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Claim 252. (Currently Amended) The plurality of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions of claim 248, wherein the premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition further consists essentially of at least one additive comprising a viscosity controlling agent, the additive being present in an amount of 10% or less by weight, based on the total weight of the premixed binder[[prepaint]] composition.

Claim 253. (Canceled)

Claim 254. (Currently Amended) A plurality of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions[[comprising]] comprising three different, but stable,[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions, useful for formulating a paint product, which plurality comprises:

- (a) the plurality of[[prepaint]] premixed compositions of claim 248; and
- (b) a[[fluid]] premixed aqueous low resin[[prepaint]] composition which consists essentially

of:

- (i) at least calcined clay, ground limestone, and diatomaceous earth,
- (ii) at least one thickener,
- (iii) water, and
- (iv) optionally a resin containing binder;

wherein the premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition has a Stormer viscosity of about 50 to about 250 KU.

Claim 255. (Canceled)

Claim 256. (Currently Amended) The plurality of[[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions of claim 254, wherein the premixed low resin[[prepaint]] composition has a volume solids content of about 35% to about 65%, a PVC of about 40% to about 100% and a Stormer viscosity of about 60 to about 150 KU.

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Claim 257. (Canceled)

Claim 258. (Currently Amended) The plurality of [[fluid prepaint]] premixed aqueous compositions of claim 248, wherein the premixed binder [[prepaint]] composition further consists essentially of at least one additive comprising a coalescent, with the additive being present in an amount of less than about 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the premixed binder [[prepaint]] composition.

COUNT 4 (A Pigment Extender Prepaint Composition)

Claim 259. (Canceled)

Claim 260. (Currently Amended) A [[fluid]] premixed aqueous low resin [[prepaint]] composition, useful for producing a pigmented paint product containing other paint contents, which premixed low resin [[prepaint]] composition consists essentially of:

- (i) at least one of calcined clay, ground limestone, and diatomaceous earth, the premixed low resin [[prepaint]] composition having a Stormer viscosity of about 50 to about 250 KU;
- (ii) at least one thickener,
- (iii) water, and
- (iv) an optional resin containing binder; wherein the premixed low resin [[prepaint]] composition contents are stable when combined with each other and with the contents of the paint product.

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COUNT 1 - (Product -Prepaints and Paint Composition)

Claim 261. (Currently Amended) A plurality of premixed aqueous compositions for forming an aqueous paint composition, the plurality of compositions comprising:

a premixed pigment composition comprising a pigment;

a premixed low resin composition[[at least one of the premixed compositions]] comprising at least one of calcined clay,[[silica,]] ground limestone, diatomaceous earth, and mixtures thereof; and

a premixed binder composition comprising a resin;

wherein mixing a portion of the pigment composition with a portion of at least one of the low resin composition and the binder composition produces the aqueous paint composition from the premixed compositions.

Claim 262. (Previously presented) The plurality of premixed aqueous compositions of claim 261, wherein the number of premixed compositions is 3 or more.

Claim 263-264. (Canceled)

Claim 265. (Previously presented) The plurality of premixed aqueous compositions of claim 261, wherein the premixed low resin composition has a PVC of about 35% to about 100%.

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Claim 266. (Currently Amended) A plurality of paint products made by a method comprising: providing a plurality of varied, but[[stabile]]stable premixed aqueous compositions, which plurality comprises:

- a premixed pigment composition comprising a pigment;
- a premixed low resin composition comprising at least one of calcined clay,[[silica,]] ground limestone, diatomaceous earth, and mixtures thereof;
- a premixed binder composition comprising a resin; and
- mixing a portion of the pigment composition with a portion of at least one of the low resin composition and the binder composition to produce the plurality of paint products from the premixed compositions.

Claim 267. (Previously presented) A plurality of varied, but stable, premixed aqueous compositions for formulating a plurality of paint products, the plurality of premixed aqueous paint compositions comprising:

- a premixed pigment composition comprising a pigment;
- at least two premixed compositions each of which comprises a resin.

Claim 268. (Previously presented) A method of forming a plurality of paint products, which method comprises the steps of:

- (a) providing a plurality of the premixed compositions of claim 267; and
- (b) dispensing a portion of the premixed pigment composition and a portion of at least one of each of the at least two premixed compositions each having the resin into containers to form the plurality of paint products.

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COUNT 2 (Method of Producing a Paint Line)

Claim 269. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a plurality of paint products, the method comprising:

premixing a pigment composition comprising a pigment;

premixing a low resin composition[[, at least one of the premixed compositions]] comprising at least one of calcined clay,[[silica,]] diatomaceous earth, ground limestone, and mixtures thereof;

premixing a binder composition comprising a resin; and

mixing a portion of the pigment composition with a portion of at least one of the low resin composition and the binder composition in a container to produce an aqueous paint product of the plurality of paint products from the premixed compositions.

Claim 270. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, further comprising the step of mixing the premixed compositions before, while, or after they are dispensed into the containers.

Claim 271. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, further comprising the step of mixing the premixed compositions before or while they are dispensed into the containers.

Claim 272. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, further comprising the step of adjusting the viscosity of the premixed compositions before, while, or after they are dispensed into the containers.

Claim 273. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, further comprising the step of adjusting the viscosity of the premixed compositions before or while they are dispensed into the containers.

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Claim 274. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, further comprising the step of adding at least one additive that enhances application or final performance of the aqueous paint product.

Claim 275. (Previously presented) The method of claim 274, wherein the additive is a thickener.

Claim 276. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, further comprising the step of adding at least one colorant to the premixed compositions.

Claim 277-278. (Canceled)

Claim 279. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, wherein the method is carried out at a paint manufacturing facility.

Claim 280. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, wherein the number of premixed compositions is 4 or more.

Claim 281. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, wherein the low resin composition has a PVC of about 35% to about 100%.

Claim 282. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, wherein the method is carried out at the point-of-sale.

Claim 283. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, wherein the method is carried out at the point-of-use.

Claim 284. (Previously presented) The method of claim 269, wherein the method is controlled in accordance with programmed dispensing.

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Claim 285. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a plurality of paint products and variations of the plurality of paint products, the method comprising:

(a) providing a plurality of varied, but stable premixed aqueous compositions for producing the plurality of paint products and the variations of the plurality of paint products, which plurality of premixed aqueous compositions comprises:

(i) a premixed pigment composition comprising a pigment;

(ii) a premixed low resin composition[[, at least one of the premixed compositions]] comprising at least one of calcined clay,[[silica,]] diatomaceous earth, ground limestone, and mixtures thereof;

(iii) a premixed binder composition comprising a resin; and

(iv) an additional different premixed composition from the group consisting of the compositions of (i), (ii), and (iii), and mixtures thereof; and

(b) mixing a portion of the pigment composition with a portion of at least one of the low resin composition, the binder composition, and the additional different composition in a container to produce the variations of the plurality of paint products.

Claims 286-300 (canceled).

COUNT 3 (A Pigmented Prepaint Composition)

Claim 301-306. (Canceled)

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Claim 307. (Currently amended) A plurality of varied, but stable premixed aqueous compositions useful for formulating a paint product, which plurality comprises:

(a)[[the premixed aqueous composition of claim 301]] a premixed aqueous pigment composition for forming a paint product, the premixed composition comprising:

a pigment;

a dispersant,

a thickener; and

water;

wherein the dispersant and the thickener are stable when mixed with the pigment and with other paint contents; and

(b) a premixed binder composition, which binder composition consists essentially of a water-borne resin and water;

wherein the contents of the premixed compositions are stable when mixed with each other and with the contents of the other premixed compositions of the plurality.

Claim 308. (Canceled)

Claim 309. (Previously presented) The plurality of premixed aqueous compositions of claim 307, wherein the premixed binder composition further consists essentially of at least one additive comprising a coalescent, the additive being present in an amount of about 2% by weight, based on the total weight of the premixed binder composition.

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Claim 310. (Previously presented) A plurality of varied, but stable, premixed compositions, useful for formulating a paint product, which plurality comprises:

(a) the plurality of premixed aqueous compositions of claim 307; and
(b) a premixed aqueous low resin composition, at least one of the which consists essentially of:

- (i) at least one of calcined clay, ground limestone, diatomaceous earth, and mixtures thereof,
- (ii) at least one thickener,
- (iii) water, and
- (iv) optionally a resin.

Claim 311. (Canceled)

Claim 312. (Previously presented) The plurality of premixed compositions of claim 307, wherein the premixed binder composition further consists essentially of at least one additive comprising a coalescent, with the additive being present in an amount of less than about 20% by weight, based on the total weight of the binder composition.

Claim 313-326. (Canceled)

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Claim 327. (Canceled)